

Waterfowl Art Contest & Print and Stamp Sales

Beginning with black ducks painted by Ned Mayne in 1980, the first year of Delaware's waterfowl art competition 31 of the State's waterfowl species have adorned the annual stamps that are required by waterfowl hunters and prints that are collected by conservationists.



The 2014 stamp marks the 34th year in the program. It features a Blue Winged Teal by Jeffrey Klinefelter.



Stamps and prints from 2014 will be on sale as of July 1st, 2014 along with the 2013, and 2012 prints and stamps.



Division of Fish and Wildlife in partnership
with Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Program History

The Division of Fish & Wildlife, in partnership with Delaware Ducks Unlimited, began the Waterfowl stamp and print program in 1980 to raise funds for waterfowl conservation, including acquiring and improving the wetlands habitats that are vital for the survival of migratory waterfowl. To date, more than \$2.5 million has been raised. These funds improve waterfowl habitat in Delaware and can be enjoyed by the public at Little Creek Wildlife area, Assawoman Wildlife area, Ted Harvey Wildlife area—Logan Lane Tract, and Woodland Beach.

The Division of Fish & Wildlife began requiring anglers to have trout stamps since the 1930s. Trout stamp art was first used in 1977. Delaware's freshwater trout program is a self-supporting fishery in selected streams in northern New Castle County, and in one pond each in Kent and Sussex Counties, with the fishery funded from fees derived from the state's trout stamp program.



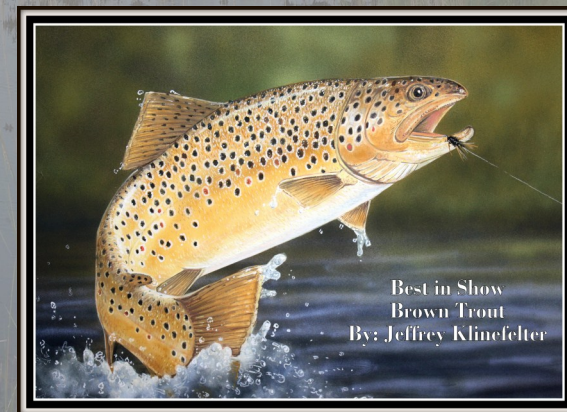
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For more information on the Delaware Waterfowl Stamp art contest or to purchase eligible stamps/prints, contact the Divisions Coordinator, Crystal Beck at 302-739-9911 or visit our internet site:

<http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Hunting/pages/waterfowlstamp.aspx>



State of Delaware's Waterfowl and Trout Stamp Program



Submit your artwork today and
become part of Delaware's
waterfowl and trout stamp legacy!

Submission Procedures

All contestants must be a citizen of the United States. Waterfowl Contestants may submit only one entry per contest and Trout contestants may submit two entries per contest. Each entry must be accompanied with a non-refundable \$10.00 entry fee and completed artist and exhibition agreement forms. The entry fee will be waived for those contestants who hand deliver and pick up their painting at the Dover office.

Check and money orders should be made payable to “Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife,” The outside packaging must be date stamped. Each contestant must sign and clearly print his/her name, address, email address, and phone number on the forms.

Each entry should be delivered or mailed to Crystal Beck, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Once your entry is submitted, it may not be exchanged for another. The identity of the artist will be kept confidential and not disclosed during the judging process.



Contest Deadline

The contest to select the design will officially open on November 1, 2013. Each entry, accompanied by the non-returnable entry fee and signed artist and exhibition agreement may be received any time beginning November 1, 2013. The post marked date is required by March 28, 2014.

Waterfowl Subject Matter

2015 will be a Governors Edition marking the programs 35th anniversary. All entries submitted must depict the Native black duck with ducklings in a Delaware Bayshore Region habitat as the background. An artist's 2015 submission may also include any other related subject (duck boats, blinds, dogs, decoys, etc.)

In 2016 we will be starting a 5 year dog series with a Delaware background:

- ◆ 2016 Green winged Teal and Yellow Lab
- ◆ 2017 Canvas Back and Chesapeake Bay Retriever
- ◆ 2018 Pintail and Golden Retriever
- ◆ 2019 Long tailed Duck (oldsquaw) and Black Lab
- ◆ 2020 Wigeon and Chocolate Lab



Trout Subject Matter

Species of trout: in a setting or environment found in Delaware on an archival surface.

- ◆ Brown
- ◆ Brook
- ◆ Rainbow



2015 Date & Location

The 2015 Delaware Waterfowl/Trout Stamp Contest will be at the Delaware Agricultural Museum in Dover, DE on April 24, 2014

Technical Requirements

The name of the species depicted shall be printed on the back of the entry. The design must be horizontal drawing or painting 8-3/4” x 12” on an archival surface. Entries must be matted with single white or off white matte 12” x 15” with a white or off white core and protected by removable covering of acetate or cellophane. All acetate/cellophane will be removed for display and judging.

No scroll work, lettering, initials, or signatures may appear on the design itself. The designated waterfowl/trout species depiction must be the contestant's own original creation and may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art.



Winning Entry

The Waterfowl winning entry and all reproductions rights of the piece of art will become the exclusive property of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control. In exchange for those rights, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control agrees to provide the winning waterfowl artist a cash award of \$2,500.00 within sixty (60) days of the selection of the winning entry. The winning artist will also receive 150 artist proofs of the limited edition print series.

The Trout winning artist will receive \$250.00 award and a rosette from the Division of Fish and Wildlife commemorating their artistic achievement.